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FIH WE BOLEDO
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"Fih we Boledo is working for the Benefit of All our Belizean People." **– Prime Minister John Briceño, House of Representatives, Dec. 13**

"Fih we Boledo is benefitting all Belizeans" was the message by the Prime Minister of Belize to his people as he rolled out the financials for the last year of the new Boledo. This upcoming weekend is huge as the Belize Government Lotteries Limited is celebrating its First Anniversary by raffling a million dollars on the 21st of December. Reportedly, the sales of the million-dollar jackpot are approximately 1 million dollars yet with the final day, the 20th, expected to be loaded with last minute buyers. Belizeans have been known to buy Boledo at the last hour and in this case the last day. Hold on to your special jackpot ticket which is worth five dollars to obtain but may be worth a million.

It was easy for the BGLL to reward its customers with a jackpot of this magnitude as the success of the 1st year is so huge with a 564 per cent higher profit earning than what the previous Barrow administration-endorsed managers had paid to government in 2022.

At the last sitting of the House of Representatives, PM Briceño reported to the nation that the Boledo made sales of 111 Million dollars with 70 million plus going back to the people in winnings.

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Joyful and Merry Christmas to All

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The approximate 17 million dollars in net profit is planned for the National Health Insurance and Sports.

The huge success of Fi We Boledo has been due to a partnership with the Belizean people. When you buy your piece of Boledo the odds are extremely high that you will win by holding the winning number on the daily or Sunday draws. Or, you or your family may seek health care is another way to win. Sports programs from Primary School up will receive funding for sports farms and competition.

The Prime Minister was emphatic as he said, "When we say fih we Boledo we mean dah fih we Boledo" (read this week's Editorial for more)

GST-FREE WEEKEND II

Dec. 21-22

Success is Testament to Buyer Confidence & 2.1% Record Unemployment Rate

Shoppers and Business are ready for the second iteration of the No GST or Tax Free weekend. The unprecedented success of the first is definitely a testament to a high buyer confidence and 2.1% record low unemployment rate. Last weekend, there was a controlled frenzy especially in the major stores. Items that attract the General Sales Tax of 12.5 per cent like auto parts, construction material and specific grocery items were the items of choice. Even as the Briceño administration has a long list of zero-rated items—another anti-inflation policy often forgotten—the Belizean consumer displayed purchasing savvy in acquiring the items that were needed to improve their homes with the usual Christmas money.

The One and a Million Jackpot looms with its own story of financial overtures of an economy that is working for its people. The expectation is that this Friday will be a long line of people waiting to get all or some of the million. If that does not happen, then there is the satisfaction that one can purchase with at least 12.5 off. If you choose the right stores, some are adding to the hurrah by doubling the percentage to attract the sales that are bound to be sought by our Belize public.

As we move into 2025, people will be asked, "are you better today than you were in 2020?"

The answer by the masses is clear. In 2020, we were making lines for pantry as the legacy of that time and that failed government. Today, lines are being made to enter stores in search of that 12.5 and more savings. All this is thanks to a Belize public that has worked along with the Briceño administration is a public-government partnership that is the envy of the world.

Celebrity Basketball Charity Match

Devin-Kaya Winners

On Thursday, December 12, 2024, the Belize Civic Center was abuzz with energy as the highly anticipated Celebrity Basketball Matchup for Charity unfolded. Pitting Team Collet against Team Albert, the event saw athletes, media personalities, artists, and even politicians compete for bragging rights in a spirited game.

Team Collet, led by Coach Lester 'Motto' Rivero, featured Devin Daly - Collet PUP Standard, Dominique Noralez, Councillor Allan Pollard, Micheal 'Suit' Hernandez, Hon Gilroy Usher, Melhem Hernandez, Linsford Castillo, Rico Black, Andre Pitts, Indira Craig, Kristain 'El Toxico' Alpuche, Hon. Kareem Musa, John Marsden and Councillor Evan 'Bubu' Thompson.

Facing them was Team Albert, coached by Kendron Welch. The roster included Councillor & Albert PUP Standard, Troy Gabb Jr., Commissioner Chester Williams, Hon. Anthony Mahler, Sherwin Garcia, Mayor Wagner, Tyrone Anthony, Keon Rose, Gambis, Ozzy, Sabrina Daly, Carla Musa, Hon Henry Charles Usher, and Councillor Eluide Miller.

In a closely contested game, Team Collet emerged victorious with a final score of 54-50. While no MVP was declared, Indira Craig's standout performance on the court captured the attention of many, earning her widespread praise and virtual MVP? That was the buzz.

The game marked the first of what is expected to be a series of similar charity events aimed at bringing communities together through sports and entertainment. With such an enthusiastic response from participants and spectators, the match set the tone for future collaborations and friendly rivalries.

Proving that basketball can unite people across professions and communities, the Celebrity Basketball Matchup was a resounding success. The event was held to raise funds to support community projects in both Collet and Albert's constituencies.

But after all shots were taken, Devin and Kaya communities were the winners.

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EDITORIAL

EVERYONE BENEFITS FROM FIH WE BOLEDO

Fih we Boledo is working for all Belizeans. The gaming tradition for many Belizeans has its economic might. There are thousands of tales of Belizeans winning by following their numerical guts, gaming instincts, and nightly dreams. This Briceño-led Government of Belize promised to make Boledo work for the people and has delivered. Like many other planBelize goals and objectives, the pre-2020 Boledo was dissected and studied by the PUP. The best estimates did not match the Barrow government's rhetoric on their Boledo sales. So when in Government, the PUP government asked Brads for the documentation as the gaming license regulations required. In the 2nd quarter of 2023, the Government revoked Brad's license for many reasons, not just one. This revocation was iron-clad transparency. The best their attorney could whimper out was an ignoble bluff asking for payment.

History now records the vast success of the new Fih We Boledo, which some call the People's Boledo. At the last sitting of the House of Representatives for 2024, the Prime Minister of Belize and Minister of Finance John Briceño reported to the nation that the Boledo made sales of 111 Million dollars with 70 million plus going back to the people in winnings. The Government earmarks a net profit of approximately 17 million dollars for National Health Insurance and Sports. The difference is vast, as Brad's indecently paid the Government roughly $2.5 Million in 2022. When they reported, Brad's numbers did not make financial sense. Revoking the license was easy because Brad's did not follow many regulations. The PUP government tightened its oversight, and Brads projected some $ 45 million in revenues in 2023. But no can do, as the infractions were too flagrant, and the Government pulled in the license. Since then, the ex-Prime Minister Barrow has tried and failed to shake off the chatter of a deep Anwar connection to this imbroglio. It was time to move forward. The Lotteries Commission approved the Belize Government Lotteries Limited(BGLL), which applied the true meaning of transparency and accountability to the reopening and running of the Boledo.

As with all other planBelize government programs, the colossal financial and operational success of Fi We Boledo has been due to buy-in from the Belizean people. No more buying from a ghost company to pad inanimate bank accounts allowed by the Barrow administration. When you buy your piece of Boledo, the odds are incredibly high that you will get returns. Holding the winning number on the daily or Sunday draws is a return. You or your family seeking health care is another return. Soon, you will hear how our Sports programs from Primary School will receive funding for sports activities and competition—another return. Our planBelize Northstar has guided us on this track, and PM Briceño's team is ready to do so in the future.

The success story of Fih we Boledo and the high buying activity this Christmas season clearly indicate Belizeans' high confidence in their country's economic outlook. As we head into this weekend, the 'One and a Million Jackpot' with another two No GST days is poised to be another massive pre-Christmas spending, and it is not Christmas Eve yet. People's purchasing power is robust, and this is clear evidence of a prosperous year driven by sound planBelize and Briceño administration policy.

Merry Christmas to all. Be safe as we enter a secure and prosperous New Year 2025.

EDITORIAL

en Español

FIH WE BOLEDO BENEFICIA A TODOS

Fih we Boledo trabaja para todos los beliceños. La tradición del juego de muchos beliceños tiene su poder económico. Hay miles de historias de beliceños que han ganado siguiendo sus entrañas numéricas, sus instintos de juego y sus sueños nocturnos. Este Gobierno de Belice dirigido por Briceño prometió hacer que Boledo funcionara para el pueblo y lo ha cumplido. Como muchas otras metas y objetivos del planBelice, el Boledo anterior a 2020 fue diseccionado y estudiado por el PUP. Las mejores estimaciones no coincidían con la retórica del Gobierno de Barrow sobre sus ventas de Boledo. Así que cuando estuvo en el Gobierno, el gobierno del PUP pidió a Brad's la documentación tal y como exigía la normativa de licencias de juego. En el 2º trimestre de 2023, el Gobierno revocó la licencia de Brad's por muchas razones, no por una sola. Esta revocación fue una transparencia férrea. Lo mejor que su abogado pudo gemir fue un innoble farol pidiendo el pago.

La historia registra ahora el enorme éxito del nuevo Fih We Boledo, que algunos llaman el Boledo del Pueblo. En la última sesión de la Cámara de Representantes para 2024, el Primer Ministro de Belice y Ministro de Finanzas, John Briceño, informó a la nación que el Boledo realizó ventas por 111 millones de dólares, con 70 millones que regresaron al pueblo en ganancias. El Gobierno destina un beneficio neto de aproximadamente 17 millones de dólares al Seguro Nacional de Salud (NHI) y a Deportes. La diferencia es abismal, ya que Brad's pagó indecentemente al Gobierno unos 2,5 Millones de dólares en 2022. Cuando reportaron, los números de Brad's no tenían sentido desde el punto de vista financiero. Revocar la licencia fue fácil porque Brad's no siguió muchas regulaciones. El Gobierno del PUP reforzó su supervisión, y Brads proyectó unos ingresos de 45 millones de dólares en 2023. Pero no pudo ser, ya que las infracciones eran demasiado flagrantes, y el Gobierno retiró la licencia. Desde entonces, el ex Primer Ministro Barrow ha intentado, sin éxito, librarse de las habladurías sobre una profunda conexión de Anwar con este embrollo. Era hora de seguir adelante. La Comisión de Loterías aprobó la Belize Government Lotteries Limited (BGLL), que aplicó el verdadero significado de transparencia y responsabilidad a la reapertura y gestión del Boledo.

Al igual que con todos los demás programas gubernamentales del Plan Belice, el colosal éxito financiero y operativo de Fi We Boledo se ha debido a la participación del pueblo beliceño. Se acabaron las compras a una empresa fantasma para llenar cuentas bancarias inanimadas permitidas por la administración Barrow. Cuando compras tu pedazo de Boledo, las probabilidades de que obtengas beneficios son increíblemente altas. Tener el número ganador en los sorteos diarios o dominicales es un retorno. Que tú o tu familia busquéis asistencia sanitaria es otro retorno. Pronto oirás cómo nuestros programas deportivos de Primaria recibirán financiación para actividades deportivas y competiciones: otro retorno. Nuestro Northstar el planBelice nos ha guiado por este camino, y el equipo del PM Briceño está preparado para hacerlo en el futuro.

La historia de éxito de Fih we Boledo y la gran actividad de compra de esta temporada navideña indican claramente la gran confianza de los beliceños en las perspectivas económicas de su país. A medida que nos adentramos en este fin de semana, el «One and a Million Jackpot» con otros dos días de No GST se prepara para otro gasto masivo prenavideño, y aún no es Nochebuena. El poder adquisitivo de la gente es robusta, y esto es una clara evidencia de un año próspero impulsado por una sólida política de planBelice y de la administración Briceño.

Feliz Navidad a todos. Cuídense al entrar en un Año Nuevo 2025 seguro y próspero.

Transforming Lives Through Water:
Major Infrastructure Projects Completed Across Belize

The Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) and its partners have made significant strides in enhancing access to potable water in several communities, with new projects marking a transformative chapter for residents. From the Cayo District to the Orange Walk and Corozal Districts, these initiatives demonstrate the government's commitment to equitable development and improved living standards.

Cayo District Water Expansion

BSIF's latest initiative, under its BSIF III program, addressed growing demands for reliable water services in **Camalote, Teakettle, and St. Matthews Villages.** The project, which began in January 2024, included the installation of over 24,456 linear feet of pipeline and 166 new service connections, providing safe water to homes, churches, and other establishments.

Executed by Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL) at a cost of $1,255,330, the project directly benefits over 3,000 residents. Hon. Julius Espat, Cayo South Area Representative, lauded the effort, stating: "It is how you change lives and build a better nation."

Guinea Grass Water System Inauguration

In **Guinea Grass Village,** a partnership between Taiwan and Belize culminated in the inauguration of a new water system. The project ensures access to potable water for residents, marking a milestone in rural development.

Her Excellency Lily Li-Wen Hsu, Taiwan's Ambassador, emphasized the shared vision of progress that defines Belize-Taiwan relations, while Hon. Jose Abelardo Mai highlighted the importance of collaboration in delivering tangible benefits to rural communities.

Georgeville and Chunox Upgrades

The **Georgeville Water System** upgraded through the Belize Country Assistance Programme, Cycle 2, and funded by the CARICOM Development Fund (CDF), saw significant enhancements. These included modernized pumping systems, chlorinators, and electrical upgrades, alongside essential equipment for the water board, such as laptops and printers.

The $900,000 US project also benefited **San Antonio Village (Toledo District), Mahogany Heights (Belize District), and Chunox Village (Corozal District).** In Chunox, Hon. Florencio Marin Jr. noted that this marked the second modern water system delivered to the community under PlanBelize.

Delivering on Progress

From ensuring reliable access to clean water to strengthening local infrastructure, these projects underscore Belize's commitment to improving rural and urban living conditions. BSIF, along with partners like BWSL, Taiwan, and CDF, continues to create opportunities for sustainable development.

These achievements exemplify a shared vision of growth, cooperation, and innovation, reinforcing the belief that access to essential infrastructure is the cornerstone of national progress.

MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

SDU SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT UNIT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Institution: MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE (MSDCC)

Tender: CONSULTANCY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT UNIT (SDU)

Deadline for submission: January 10, 2025

Background:

Established in 2013, the SDU coordinates Belize's sustainable development efforts, promotes the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and fosters inclusive and environmentally sound practices. To strengthen its role, the SDU seeks to develop a comprehensive Strategic Framework and Action Plan aligned with national, regional, and international sustainability commitments.

Main Objectives:

- This consultancy aims to develop a five-year Strategic Framework and Action Plan to enhance SDU's efficiency, effectiveness, and alignment with the MSDCC's Strategy 2023-2027 and beyond inclusive of a defined vision, mission, goals, and priorities.

For Terms of Reference which lists further Tasks, Scope of Work, and process of proposal submission, kindly request via email at dir.susdev@environment.gov.bz with CC to procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS
ISSUE NUMBER 1/2025

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be $83,200,000.00

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of $200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Thursday, 2 January 2025 and will be redeemed on Thursday, 3 April 2025.

Each tender must be for $200 or a multiple of $200 and must specify to five decimal places the amount, which is offered for each one hundred dollars face value of the Bills sought.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to bids@centralbank.org.bz or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 27 December 2024.

The Auction in the Central Securities Depository System (CSD) will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Thursday 2 January 2025.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

Bank: Central Bank of Belize
Account: GLICORP0402627

The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.

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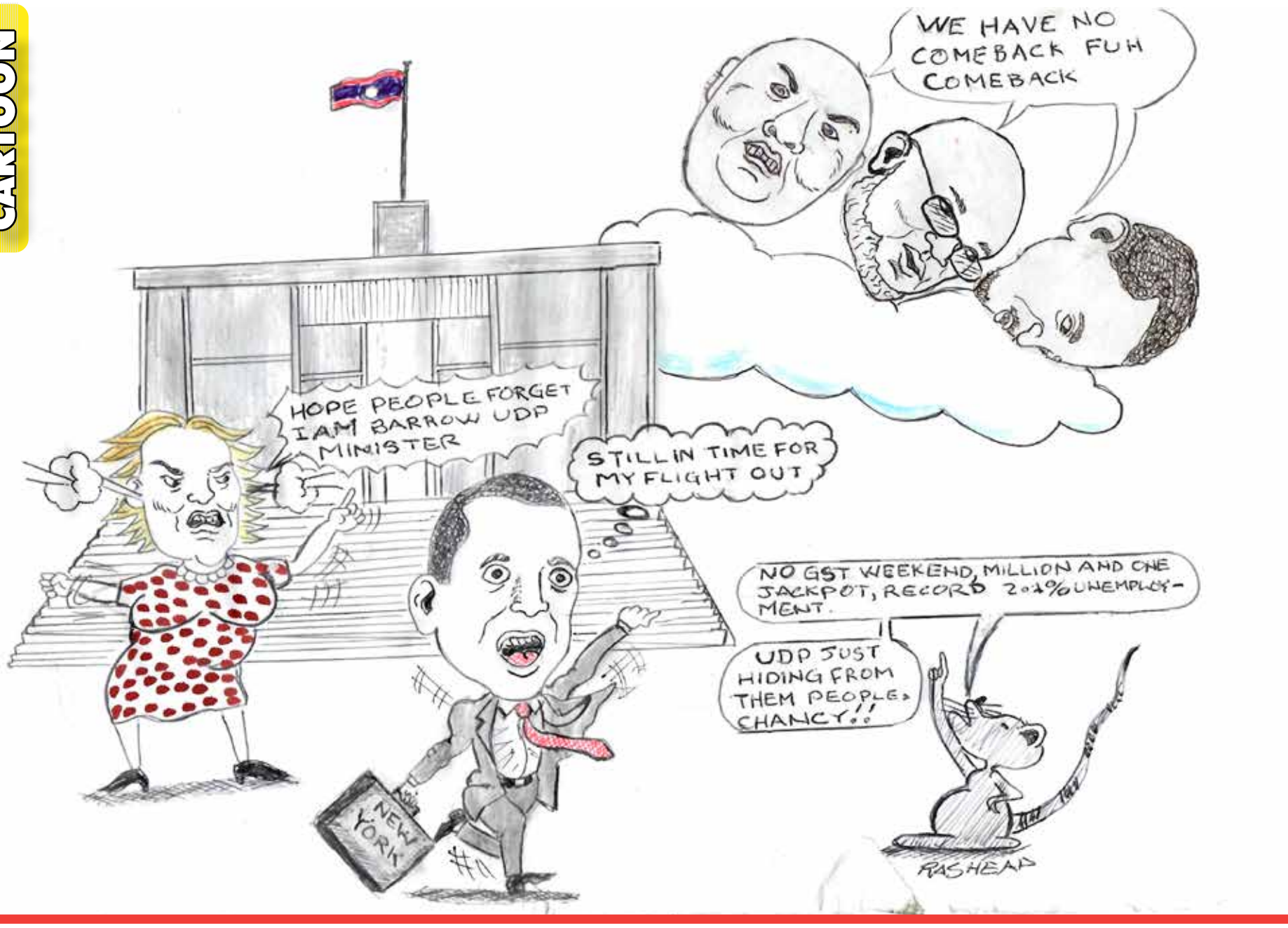
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PRIME MINISTER John Briceño Christmas Message 2024

My friends, there is nothing that fills my heart with joy quite like Christmas. It is a time of love, a time of sharing, and a time for holding family and loved ones close.

Seeing our children and family members rush to see which gift under the Christmas tree belongs to them and their excitement to unwrap each present is always a special and unique experience.

This time of year is filled with celebration, laughter, merrymaking.

It's about holiday luncheons, parties, and social events that bring together people who may have grown distant due to life's challenges or competing priorities.

Remember the reason for Christmas, when, as a world, we received the most splendid blessings with the birth of Christ's child.

Hold your loved ones close.

Be good to each other.

Lend a helping hand to those who are less fortunate.

Put small and even large differences aside, because time is promised to none of us.

And always, always know that we are truly blessed as a nation and as a people. We are alive, united, and spending another Christmas together in this nation we all love.

And so from my family to yours, Merry Christmas and a peaceful, blessed, and prosperous New Year.

PRIMER MINISTRO John Briceño Mensaje Navideño 2024

Al reunirnos para celebrar esta alegre temporada, extiendo mis mejores deseos a todos y cada uno de ustedes.

La Navidad es un momento de reflexión, gratitud y unión, un momento para apreciar el amor de la familia y los amigos, y para abrazar el espíritu de generosidad y bondad que define a nuestra hermosa nación. Este año, al iluminar nuestros hogares y corazones con el espíritu festivo, recordemos también a los necesitados y extendamos nuestras manos en apoyo y compasión.

Juntos podemos fomentar un sentido de comunidad y unidad que fortalezca los lazos que compartimos como beliceños.

Que esta Navidad les traiga paz, alegría y esperanza para el próximo año. Celebremos nuestra rica cultura, nuestros valores compartidos y la resiliencia que nos ha llevado a través de los desafíos.

Estoy agradecido [por la fuerza y el espíritu de nuestro pueblo, y espero construir juntos un futuro mejor.

¡Le deseamos a usted y a sus seres queridos una Feliz Navidad!

Cayo West–BTB Inaugurates Succotz Welcome Center

San Jose Succotz, located in the Cayo District and serving as the gateway to the Xunantunich Archaeological Site, has inaugurated a newly renovated welcome center. Formerly a neglected structure, the facility has been restored to support the community and enhance cultural and historical engagement with the Xunantunich Maya Ruins.

The BTB was very excited to announce the official opening of the San Jose Succotz Welcome Center, which is a modern 5,000-square-foot facility designed to serve both the community and visitors. This milestone project is the result of a successful partnership between the Cayo West Area Representative, Hon. Jorge Espat and the Belize Tourism Board, with the support of the Succotz Village Council. The center includes a staging area, food distribution area, restrooms, playground, seating area, and a pergola.

The inauguration ceremony featured remarks by Hon. Jorge Espat, Cayo West Area Representative; Mrs. Nicole Solano Usher, CEO in the Ministry of Tourism and Diaspora Relations; Dr. Amin Hegar, Chairman of Cayo West; and Mr. Marcelo Torres. Additionally, Mr. Francisco Torres shared a historical overview of the village.

The welcome center is strategically situated and designed to serve as a central meeting point for visitors and tour guides, enabling organized tours and providing access to cultural and archaeological information. This development represents a key step in advancing the village's role as a growing tourism destination, contributing to the promotion of Belize's cultural heritage.

To show their gratitude, Rosario Vasquez, a local tour guide, presented Hon. Jorge Espat with a sculpted artifact featuring the national symbols of Belize.

Season's Greetings
We extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones this festive season. May your homes be filled with laughter and your hearts with hope and peace. It is our pleasure to be of service to you. We continue to remain committed to safeguarding you, your family, and your future in 2025!
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous, healthy, and bountiful New Year!
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CONGRATULATIONS U-15 Silver in CA Volleyball

Congratulations to Team Belize on winning **SILVER at the U-15 Female Central American Volleyball Championship** "Invitational" that took place in Managua, Nicaragua from December 11-15, 2024!

Belize also brought home 4 individual awards!

Champion - Costa Rica
Sub-Champion - Belize
3rd Place - El Salvador
Emaun Marin: Best Scorer – Belize
Emaun Marin: Best 1st Attacker – Belize
Jamielee Espejo: Best Receiver – Belize
Jamielee Espejo: Best Server – Belize

H.E. Arnold Addresses Mexico's Legislative Assembly

Ambassador Oscar Arnold addressed the legislative assembly of the United Mexican States this past December 18. The occasion was the swearing-in ceremony for deputies who will serve on their Southern Border Commission included topics on mutual cooperation.

The areas highlighted included commerce, security, migration, tourism, and the importance of working together to combat illicit activities across international borders.

Ambassador Arnold has been instrumental in negotiations with Mexico on different fronts including Energy, Agriculture, Foreign Affairs, Immigration and Transport. Belize's relationship with Mexico is one of mutual respect regardless of the difference in size and language. This great relationship is expected to last for many more generations and must be strengthened when there is a chance.

Request for Expressions of Interest

Refurbishment of Armouries Belize

PROCUREMENT REFERENCE°: TD24.CA.TRF.002 BELIZE

CONSTRUCTION REFERENCE°: EoI 002/MAG-CA/202410/02_Belize

TITLE: Expression of Interest (EOI), for MAG [Belize] Refurbishment of Armouries [13th December 2024]

MAG (Mines Advisory Group), one of the world's leading humanitarian organizations providing conflict and armed violence-affected countries with a real chance for a better future, is implementing a Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) project with defence and security forces in Belize. We are working in partnership with CARICOM IMPACS in the Caribbean region to implement this project. Through notice, MAG invites Interested Parties (IP) to offer their services by making a submission as described in this Expression of Interest (EoI).

The purpose of the EOI is to identify interested and qualified contractors, who will be included in a shortlist of contractors prequalified to take part in the upcoming restricted tender process for refurbishment projects. More precise estimates of each lot will take place once Bills of Quantities and Specifications are developed for each structure and site. These will be available at the time of restricted tendering.

Eligibility and Qualification requirements include:

1. Evidence of company Registration
2. Evidence Company is up to date with payments of its tax obligations: Tax compliance certificate
3. Minimum of 3 years' experience in refurbishment works
4. Financial Capacity – Companies Financial statements for the last year and letter from financial institution that the company has liquidity in the form of cash availability and unused credit facilities or a line of credit
5. Organizational Capacity- provision of an organizational chart, CVs of Key Personnel and a list of equipment.

Expression of Interest can be obtained by visiting: www.maginternational.org/accountability/tenders and www.caricomimpacs.org/procurements

Interested applicants may obtain further information from: Rennie Mohan, Logistics Officer rennie.mohan@maginternational.org. Questions and responses will be collected and shared with all interested parties who submitted an Expression of Interest.

Expressions of Interest should be paper copy, scanned and emailed to the following address: tenders.caribbean@maginternational.org . Attachments can be divided into parts as needed. MAG reserves the right to request the paper hard copy of the submissions delivered to our office.

1.Start date of Expression of Interest: 13 December 2024

2.Deadline to request clarifications: 31 December 2024 at 4pm Belize time

3.Expression of Interest reception closes on: 15 January 2025 at 4pm Belize time

In Memoriam
Merleen Williams
October 29th, 1950 - December 13th, 2021
Its been 3 sad years since you've left us Mom.
We all miss you. You are in a better place now.
Sadly missed by your 10 children, 27 grandschildren and 11 great grandchildren

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PARCELS 1355, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1359 & 1797 BOCA CHICA, SAN PEDRO, AMBERGRIS CAYE, BELIZE DISTRICT:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
San Pedro	7	1355, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1359 & 1797

(Being an incomplete Resort Development situate on the southern end of Ambergris Caye known as Boca Chica TOGETHER with 6 parcels of land above described the freehold properties of Messrs. Boca Chica Rosorts Limited.)

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Launch Belize City Council and Partners 2nd Annual Mengage Trainings and Conference

In recognition of our ongoing commitment to supporting young men, the Belize City Council, in partnership with UNICEF Belize, Belize Leadership Intervention Unit (LIU), and Department of Youth Services, hosted 75 young men from various schools and organizations for a series of engagement and training sessions. These sessions focused on engaging, educating, and empowering young men who face a variety of challenges.

The training sessions addressed topics such as emotional intelligence and anger management. Guest speakers included Deputy Mayor Allan Pollard Jr., Councillor Evan Thompson, and Mr. Jermaine Hyde.

Gratitude is extended to Nazarene High School, the Anglican Cathedral College, Restore Belize, and Pathlight International Belize for their support of our mission to Engage, Educate, and Empower young men!

Our plan for 2025 is to build on the foundation established with these institutions to develop the MENgage mentorship programs through partnerships.

Let's continue to champion, support, and aid in the development of our men and boys throughout International Men's Day and beyond. (release)

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The applicant should possess the following:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- A high school diploma from a recognized secondary school. Previous experience in the police, military, or security field, and small arms would be an asset.

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

- Knowledge of modern security techniques systems; Knowledge of security equipment and law enforcement principles; Ability to perform tasks that require physical strength and agility, bending, climbing, and lifting heavy objects; Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.

COMPETENCIES

- Analytical Thinking, Diagnostic Information Gathering, Flexibility/Adaptability, Attention to Detail, Managing Performance, Stress-Tolerance, Attention to Communication, and Fostering Teamwork.

Submit the following documents by **Friday, 5 January 2025**:

- CBB Employment Application Form (available online)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Two (2) references (Both must be from a previous or current employer.)
- Certified copies of university transcripts, degrees, and any other professional certificates
- Police Record

SCAN TO APPLY

Applications should be addressed to:

Manager
Human Resources Department
Central Bank of Belize
Gabourel Lane, Belize City, BELIZE

Ref: Security Officer Grade III- Security Department

Email: hr@centralbank.org.bz or online at www.centralbank.org.bz
(All applications will be held in strict confidence.)

CILTrust International Inc.

INTERPACIFIC GROUP LTD. # 000001447
("the Company")

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the company **INTERPACIFIC GROUP LTD**. (the Company) registered under the Belize Companies Act 2022 commenced dissolution as follows:

a) is in dissolution
b) commenced dissolution on the 12th day of December, 2024; and
c) **Lourdes Yolanda Haywood de Bogaerts** whose address Unit 01, 6/F, Tower 2, The Drake, 1 Tsing Lung Rd, Tuen Mun, NT, Hong Kong is the Liquidator of the Company

CILTrust International Limited
Registered Agent

CILTrust International Inc.

INTERPACIFIC GROUP LTD. # 000001447
("the Company")

Notice is hereby given that the Company named **INTERPACIFIC GROUP LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Belize Companies & Corporate Affairs Registry Register with effect from the 12th December, 2024.

CILTrust International Limited
Registered Agent

Ministry of Investment- UNCTAD

High-Level International Investment Agreements Conference 2024

The Ministry of Investment participated in a UN Trade and Development High-level International Investment Agreements (IIAs) Conference: "The Path to Mainstreaming Sustainable Development in IIAs" on Thursday, December 12. Belize was part of a panel comprised of high-level government representatives from several countries proficient in the best practices and innovations regarding IIAs worldwide.

Belize was represented by Mrs. Narda Garcia, Chief Executive Officer of the Office of the Prime Minister and Ministry of Investment and Civil Aviation. The conference explored strategies and best practices that can firmly embed environmental protection and sustainable development approaches in the reform of IIAs. This will allow better reflections of current global priorities, including public health, labour standards, and especially environmental protection and climate change.

CEO Garcia's presentation highlighted Belize's achievement in charting a way forward to finance the protection of our marine resources and completing one of the largest debt-for-nature swaps in the world, the Blue Bond Agreement, which reduced the country's debt. Belize's obligations to environmental protection under the Blue Bond Agreement, specifically our ocean space, and climate change initiatives have made Belize even more vulnerable to litigation through IIAs.

The Ministry of Investment has been working with UNCTAD to create a modern model Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT). The latest model, which was well received, modernizes its language. It removes limitations on Belize's right to regulate, and allows environmental protection and climate change initiatives to be undertaken while promoting investment and minimizing exposure to litigation. It will also enable the country to review current BITs it has signed over the years and guide future negotiations for subsequent BITs.

The experiences of navigating complicated and technical issues, while incorporating themes of mainstream sustainable development initiatives and minimizing trade and investment restrictions, have led the participating countries to work towards the upgrade of IIAs around the world. (release)

REQUEST FOR BIDS
Construction of Trio Bridge

Country: Belize
Project: Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Assignment Title: Construction of Trio Bridge
Reference No.: RRB.W.15

The Government of Belize through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Green Climate Fund ("GCF") towards the cost of Resilient Rural Belize Programme and intends to apply part of the proceeds to the works for which this Request for Bids (RFB) is issued.

The work consists of: Construction of wooden deck bridge with concrete base in the Trio farming area, Trio Village, Toledo District.

Qualification of the Bidder: A Bidder shall meet the following minimum qualifying criteria:

a) General Experience as a Contractor: At least 5 years' experience in industrial/commercial buildings construction locally;
b) Specific Experience as a contractor: At least one works' contract of similar nature, size and complexity equivalent to the works included in this Invitation, completed within the last five years (to comply with this requirement, works cited should be at least 80% complete).
c) The contractor must prove access to the following equipment, with stated production capacity and year of manufacture:

Item No.	Name of equipment and production capacity	Capacity	No of equipment
1	Suitable scaffolding for working	at heights above 15 feet	1
2	Portable Generator (suitable to run power tools)	with minimum capacity of 1000 watts	1
3	cement mixer	with minimum capacity of ½ cubic yard	1
4	Dump truck	with minimum capacity of 15 cubic yard	3
5	Excavator	320 B or equivalent	1
6	Crane	5 ton	1
7	Pile Driving Equipment	Hamme weighing 5,000 lbs. / 2.5 tons	1
8	Water pump	5 gpm	1
9	backhoe	2 cy bucket	1
10	Grader	CAT 120 H or equivalent	1
11	Vibro-compactor	Handheld	1
12	Pick-up truck	Crew cab	1

d) The contractor must provide the following key staff and attach their respective CVs:

Item No.	No. of Key Staff	Title	Minimum years of General Construction experience	Minimum Specific experience
1	2	Project Manager/Civil Engineer	5	having completed at least one similar assignment over the last 5 years
2	1	Site Foreman	3	having completed at least one similar assignment over the last 3 years

e) Evidence of access to financial resources to successfully complete the works i.e. access to cash, letter from a bank, credit institutions, or other financial intermediary, supporting the availability of liquid financial resources in the amount of: BZD174,000.00.
f) Average annual turnover over the past 3 years (2023, 2022, 2021), supported by financial statements, equivalent to: BZD 625,000.00.
g) Completion Date: the works shall be completed as per the following completion schedule from the date of signature of the contract: 3 months (12 weeks).

The bidder must state exact completion time in its bid supported by its proposed construction schedule.

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment/Resilient Rural Belize Programme now invites construction firms to submit bids for the construction of works as outlined in the Request for Bids (RFB) documentation. Contractor/s will be selected using the national competitive bidding (NCB) method in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook accessible at www.ifad.org/project-procurement. The NCB process will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

Bidders interested in submitting a bid shall request the full bidding document by sending an e-mail, giving full contact details of the bidder, to the following point of contact. This will ensure that the bidders receive the full bidding document (RFB) as well as updates regarding this procurement procedure.

Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Attn: Lemuel Palacio, Senior Procurement Officer
Hummingbird Highway
National Agriculture Showgrounds,
City of Belmopan, Belize
E-mail: lpalacio.rrb@med.gov.bz
Copied to: Nadia Vernon, nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz

Please note that bids can be submitted either physically or electronically. In submitting a physical bid, the bidder must submit one (1) original and 2 copies, sealed in two separate inner envelopes, enclosed in one outer envelope, sealed and marked as per ITB 21.1 & 21.2, and addressed to the address stated above. In addition, one copy of the bid shall be an electronic copy saved on a flash drive also included in the sealed outer envelope. Electronic Bids shall be submitted by email, as a password protected, single attachment, in pdf format, by the deadline and to the email address stated above. Full details are provided in the complete RFB document.

The pre-bid meeting shall be held at the following address: Resilient Rural Belize Programme Office, Hummingbird Highway, National Agriculture Show Grounds, City of Belmopan, Cayo District, Belize, C.A. Pre-bid meeting and site visit shall be held. A site visit to the location (Los Buenos Amigos Cooperative Society Ltd. /Trio Village, Toledo District) will be held afterwards. The date and time of the pre-bid meeting is January 3, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. local time.

The deadline for submission of bids shall be no later than January 23, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. local time at the address above.

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Committees, Management, & Staff of

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NO GST WEEKEND I

DECEMBER 14 & 15

NO GST WEEKEND II COMING UP...DECEMBER 21 & 22

Happy Holidays
This year, give gifts that won't give back to the oceans - spread cheer sustainably.
Wrap the Season in Love, Not Plastic.
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The featured conversation in episode 16 was about the Youth Shadow Council with the Programs Manager for the City Council, Micheal Fritz, accompanied by Shadow Councilor for Mayor Bernard Wagner, Ms Sanaa Rowland, and Mr Rajiv Ramsey.

Host Jermaine Hyde dove into the discussion asking Fritz about the Youth Shadow program. Program Manager Fritz explained simplistically, that it is a youth development platform where the youth program is geared towards leadership and is the only functioning one existing in the entire country. Fritz said it is a big feat "providing a platform for young people to be engaged when it comes to governance." He further shared that the concept has been in existence for the past four years. The first cohort was selected in 2020 giving individuals between the ages of 15 to 29 an awesome opportunity to work in the capacity of a servant leadership style.

The genesis of the Youth Shadow Council program was the idea of a former councilor Micah Gooding to formalize something for youths at the municipal level. Each of the elected members of the BCC has a Youth Shadow Councilor. They are expected to understudy the portfolios of the members of the municipal government. Kaya Cattouse, the next representative for the Albert constituency, and the Councilor previously with responsibility for youth and present Councilor Malcolm Nunez has been instrumental in building the process that is not only meaningful for Belize but operates on a Commonwealth level. Ramsey said being allowed to become a Shadow Councilor was a humbling experience for someone who loves community service. He said, "I was able to engage on a larger level ". Similarly, Shanaa Rowland considered her selection to the 2024 cohort of Shadow Councilors also humbling especially being chosen to shadow Mayor Bernard Wagner and being able to attend important functions with him. Interestingly, the BCC Programs Department provides training for each cohort on the functions of the BCC. Fritz submitted that the Director of Local Government, Clifford King made a presentation to the cohort of Shadow Councilors on how governance operates. The myriad of training is geared towards instilling the principles and practices of the role of current and future leadership, which Fritz characterized as a youth boot camp. The National Youth Development Policy serve as the Northstar to the direction of the Youth Shadow Council Program, which has become an envy for international municipalities that want to adopt the initiative.

The Youth Shadow Council Program is indicative to the vision of Mayor Bernard Wagner and the Belize City Council in demonstrating the inclusion of youth voices and youth participation. This is apparent in allowing the Youth Shadow Council to engage in hurricane recovery efforts, cleanup campaigns, leadership summits and roundtable discussions on national issues. Many of the youths have transitioned to permanent positions at the council.

Episode 16 was the final episode for 2024 and the remaining segments will resume in January 2025.

THE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT, 2004
BALMOREX S.A.
(the "Company")
A BVI Business Company
BVI Company N° 333859

NOTICE OF LIQUIDATOR'S APPOINTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that, Lambert Marlon Marquis, with address at c/o Alpha Solutions (BVI) Limited,The Alpha-Sphere, 1st Floor, Ellen Skelton Building, Fishers Lane, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, has been appointed as the Voluntary Liquidator of the Company pursuant to a resolution of the directors of the Company dated 12th November 2024and the resolution of the member of the Company dated 12th November 2024.

Dated on this 13th day of November, 2024.
Sgd: Lambert Marlon

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Institution: **MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE,GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.**

Tender: **Consultancy to Update the National Wastewater Policy**

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Department of the Environment under the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Climate Change, invites suitable consultants to apply for the consultancy of revising and updating the Draft National Wastewater Policy for Belize.

The general overview of this consultancy is as follows:

I. To review and update the draft National Wastewater Policy to include but not limited to provisions for industrial and agricultural wastewater management.
II. To incorporate climate adaptation measures into the updated policy.
III. To ensure the updated policy aligns with international best practices and local regulatory requirements.

Few Qualifications & Experiences Required:

I. An advanced degree (Master of Laws (LLM)), or a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) with a specialty in Environmental Law, Environmental Governance, Public Policy, Water Resource Management, or related fields;
II. A **minimum** of five (5) years of professional experience in wastewater management, environmental policy, or related disciplines. ***(A reference from a past engagement is required)***

For full Terms of Reference which lists required Qualifications, description Services, Expected Outputs, and Submission Procedures, kindly request via email at procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz with a copy to procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for Submission: December 30th, 2024 , no later than 3:00 p.m.

INVITATION TO BID

Institution: **MINISTRY OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE,GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE.**

Tender: **SUPPLY OF GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY-MASS SPECTOMETRY LABORATORY EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES**

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Department of the Environment (DOE) within the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Climate Change, invites qualified and reputable companies to submit proposals for the **supply and delivery of GCMS laboratory equipment and accessories**.

Bidding Details:
The full bidding document, which includes detailed specifications of the required equipment and instructions for the submission process, can be obtained by sending a request to:

- **Email**: procurement.asst@environment.gov.bz
- **CC:** procurement.officer@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for Submission: **December 30, 2024, at 3:00 PM**

Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered. The Ministry reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without obligation or explanation.

Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve News

Re-establishment of Security Personnel at Gate

December 9 - The Forest Department hereby announces the re-establishment of a 24-hour security presence at the main gate entrance of the Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve, Cayo District.

This security measure will serve three main purposes:

1. Security for All Stakeholders: This increased security presence ensures the safety of all stakeholders within the forest reserve, including private landowners, conservation organizations, tourists, and other visitors. The security will aid in preventing illegal activities, ensuring the continued integrity of the reserve's ecosystems, and safe and uninterrupted visitation.

2. Information Booth for Tourists: The gate will be an informational booth offering valuable details about the reserve and general guidelines for visitors. Tourists will soon be able to obtain pertinent information to make the most of their visit.

3. Data Collection for Visitor Statistics: The new security system will support vital data collection efforts. The objective is to gather visitation statistics that will assist in better management and conservation planning. Understanding visitation patterns and trends is key to maintaining the reserve's environmental and economic sustainability.

The Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve is a valuable resource for conservation, tourism, and scientific research. Reinstating security operations aims to improve the overall experience for visitors while ensuring the protection and preservation of this unique ecosystem.

As such, the following rules and regulations will be enforced:

- All vehicles entering and leaving the Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve will be subject to search.
- All persons entering and leaving must register and provide the requested information.
- Firearms are not allowed within the Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve unless authorized by the Chief Forest Officer.
- The Pine Ridge Gate is an official government control point, and the public is urged to respect the rules and regulations governing this area.

The public is also asked to cooperate with the staff at the gate and provide the necessary information requested when entering the Forest Reserve. The Forest Department will continue to improve activities at the gate to promote a more efficient and informative service to the public. (release)

Invitation for Bids

Belize Water Services Limited

Third Water Project
National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
BWSL/BIF-26-1868-01

1. The ***Government of Belize*** *will be receiving* financing from the ***Caribbean Development Bank*** **toward the cost of the project "Third Water Project"** and intends to apply the proceeds of this financing to payments under the Contract for "***Supply and Install Steel Enclosure Building for San Pedro Reverse Osmosis Plant".***

2. ***Belize Water Services Limited*** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the***:***

"Supply and Install Steel Enclosure Building for San Pedro Reverse Osmosis Plant"

3. Bidding will be conducted through the **National Competitive Bidding (NCB)** procedures specified in the Caribbean Development Bank's *Policies* and is open to all eligible bidders.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain an e-copy of the bidding document by making a request to the address found at the bottom of this advertisement.

5. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before ***3:00 pm, 24th January 2025***. Electronic bidding ***shall not*** be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened physically in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at ***3:15 pm on 24th January 2025.***

6. All bids to be accompanied by a Bid Security, as specified in the bidding document, and must be delivered to the address below by ***3:00 pm local time on 24th January 2025***.

7. The address referred to above is:

Email: rce@bwsl.com.bz
Attention: Ms. Jahnina Reyes,
Procurement Specialist
Belize Water Services Limited
7 Central American Blvd.
Belize City
Belize
+501-222-4757

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NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the company **CORNEL ENTERPRISES LIMITED** ("the Company") Registered under the Belize Companies Act 2022 commenced dissolution on the **29th** day of **November, 2024**;
and
Androshchuk Sergii of **Hnata Hotkevicha, building 10, app. 78, city of Kyiv, Ukranie** is the Liquidator of the Company.

Belize Corporate Services Limited
Registered Agent

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the below company has been dissolved and struck off the Belize Companies and Corporate Affairs Register with effect from the date indicated:

CORNEL ENTERPRISES LIMITED –
04th December, 2024

Belize Corporate Services Limited
Registered Agent

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the following companies ("the Companies") Registered under the Belize Companies Act 2022 commenced dissolution as follows:

Name of Company	Date of Commencement of Dissolution	Liquidator Name & Address
REAL METRO CORP.	15th November, 2024	Sun, Shu-Chin of 5F, No. 8, Ln 623, Sec. 2, Zhonghua RD., E. Dist., Hsinchu City, Taiwan, R.O.C.
INFO-NICE INC.	15th November, 2024	Lin, Hsueh-Hsia of No. 2, Ln. 101, Guanghua St., N. Dist., Hsinchu City, Taiwan, R.O.C.
GREAT-PAC HOLDING CO., LTD.	29th November, 2024	Chou, Shu-Chun of 10f, No. 207, Bade Rd., East Dist., Hsinchu City, Taiwan, R.O.C.
TOP GLORY TRADING CO., LTD.	29th November, 2024	Chang, Tsui-Lang of No. 390, Sec. 2, Songzhu 5th Rd., Beitun Dist., Taichung City, Taiwan R.O.C.
GOLD BLESS CORP.	22th November, 2024	Hsu, Jui-Chen of 11F, No. 3, Sec. 1, Xinglong Rd., Zhubei City, Hsinchu County, Taiwan, R.O.C.

GenPro Consulting (Belize) Limited
Registered Agent

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that the company **JUSAN CORPORATE INC.** ("the Company") Registered under the Belize Companies Act 2022 commenced dissolution on the **29th** day of **November, 2024**;
and
Mrs. Yan Kai Hew Khee Sandra of **C239, Block C, the Junction Business Hub, Calebasses, Mauritius** is the Liquidator of the Company.

Icaza Belize Trust Corporation Limited
Registered Agent

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the below company has been dissolved and struck off the Belize Companies and Corporate Affairs Register with effect from the date indicated:

Name of Company	Date
REAL METRO CORP.	02nd December, 2024
INFO-NICE INC.	02nd December, 2024
GREAT-PAC HOLDING CO., LTD.	12th December, 2024
TOP GLORY TRADING CO., LTD.	12th December, 2024
GOLD BLESS CORP.	13th December, 2024

GenPro Consulting (Belize) Limited
Registered Agent

NOTICE

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JUSAN CORPORATE INC. –
13th December, 2024

Icaza Belize Trust Corporation Limited
Registered Agent

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www.centralbank.org.bz

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Independent Financial Literacy and Digital Financial Awareness Survey

Belize City, 11 December 2024: The Central Bank of Belize (Central Bank) notifies the public that it has contracted PPF Capital Limited to conduct an independent survey to assess financial literacy and digital financial awareness in the country. This initiative is a part of the Central Bank's continued financial education and inclusion efforts.

The team from PPF Capital will reach out to members of the public across the country to gather insights that will inform the Central Bank's strategic goal of modernizing the digital financial services ecosystem.

We encourage the public to participate in this survey and assure you that responses will be treated with strict confidentiality.

For more information, please contact info@centralbank.org.bz

Thank you for your valuable contribution.

Marinas - New Regulations Now in Effect

The Belize Port Authority wishes to inform the public that the **Harbour and Merchant Shipping (Marina) Regulations, 2024** have now come into effect. These regulations have been developed to promote safety, protect the environment, and ensure the orderly development of marinas and other over-the-water structures throughout Belize.

Purpose of the Regulation

The implementation of this new regulation is part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding both the users of marinas and other over-the-water facilities as well as our valuable maritime resources. The regulation sets standards for the construction, operation, maintenance, and modification of marinas and related structures, including docks and piers.

Key Aspects of the Regulation

1. Permit Requirements: No person may construct, operate, or modify a marina without a valid Marina Permit issued by the Belize Port Authority. This ensures that all facilities are built and maintained to the highest safety and environmental standards.

2. Insurance: All marina operators are required to carry public liability insurance covering pollution damage and salvage operations.

3. Safety Management: Marina owners may be required to implement and maintain safety management systems.

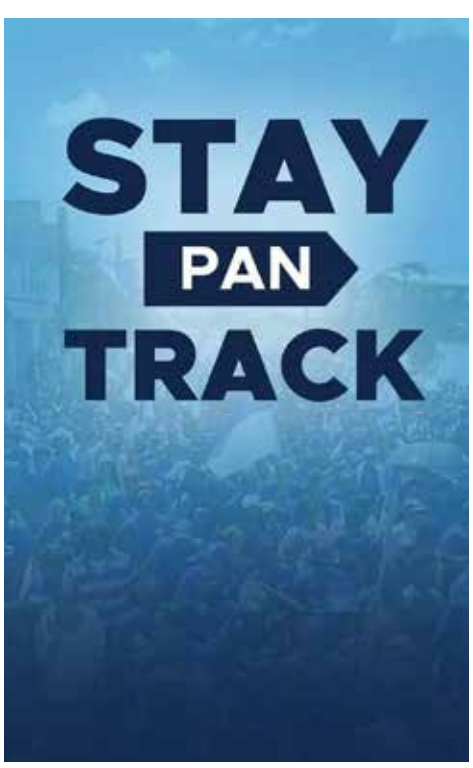
Promoting the Maritime Sector

These regulations not only aim to protect the users and the environment but also serve to foster the growth of Belize's maritime sector. By creating a safer, more sustainable environment for marina operators, vessel owners, and maritime businesses, we are positioning Belize as a premier destination for both local and international maritime activities. This is a critical step in maintaining our reputation as a maritime nation committed to the highest standards of safety and environmental stewardship.

Registration and Compliance

The Belize Port Authority encourages all operators of marinas and other over-the-water structures to register their facilities with the BPA as required by law. Ensuring your marina is registered will not only promote compliance but will also demonstrate your commitment to maintaining safety and environmental standards. For further assistance or to obtain more information on the registration process, operators are encouraged to contact the Belize Port Authority. Our team is ready to assist you in meeting these requirements and helping your facility operate safely and sustainably.

We encourage all stakeholders—marina operators, boat owners, and users of Belize's marine and coastal spaces—to familiarize themselves with these regulations and work with us to ensure their successful implementation. (release)



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR (1) PROJECT MANAGER AND (2) PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST (INDIVIDUALS)

Institution: **Ministry of Finance**
Country: Belize
Type of Engagement: Individual Consultant (IC)
Deadline: **Tuesday, January 7th, 2025; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time) – (EXTENSION)**

The Government of Belize (GOB), with support from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), has established a Central Executing Unit (CEU) within the Ministry of Finance as a structure to contribute to the effective delivery of the development goals outlined in Belize's Medium-Term Development Strategy, 2022-2026 (MTDS). The CEU is responsible for the coordination and implementation of various loan and grant projects and serves as the primary point of contact for all stakeholders involved in each project assigned to the CEU. This centralized unit provides an efficient and effective way to facilitate the management of the projects, ensuring that all phases are completed on time and on budget. Through the CEU it is envisaged that there will be enhanced multi-sectoral collaboration among stakeholders during project design and implementation. Furthermore, with the in-house procurement, financial, monitoring, evaluation and reporting expertise, the CEU should minimize project start up and learning curve delays in procedures and reporting requirements previously experienced due to lack of expertise in these areas.

The Ministry of Finance is now launching the process to fill contractual positions for the following:

Vacant Posts
1. Project Manager
2. Procurement Specialist (2)

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the above-mentioned positions. For additional details, the required Application Template and Terms of Reference, can be obtained online at https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/ . Interested individuals should apply using the Application Template to demonstrate they have met the required qualifications and possess the relevant experience to perform the services.

The selection for this contractual position will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 and the Government of Belize policies and best practices and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications.

Qualified individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English via e-mail to rpascascio.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz and/or two (2) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating the positions you are applying for and name of consultant.

The Deadline for submission is no later than **Tuesday, January 7th, 2025, by 10:00 a.m**. **(Local Belize Time)** No late submissions will be accepted. Hard copies of the application should be submitted to the following address:

Ruby Pascascio
Senior Procurement Specialist
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
Sir Edney Cain Building, 2nd Floor
Belmopan City, Belize, Central America
Tel: 501-822-2152/2158
Email: rpascascio.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz

Ref: **Project Manager/ Procurement Specialist** - Your name

Anti-Trafficking in Persons Forum

"Restoring lives A-TIP at a time"

San Ignacio Town – Thursday, 12th December 2024 – The Anti-Trafficking in Persons (ATIPs) Council of the Government of Belize, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), hosted a Human Trafficking Partnership Forum.

The forum's agenda focused on the geopolitical and transnational aspects of human trafficking while also highlighting the vulnerabilities and risk factors that lead to exploitation by traffickers. The event was attended by representatives from Government of Belize departments, statutory bodies, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, and international organizations.

The forum contributed significantly to the critical discussions needed for Belize to continue making progress in the fight against human trafficking. In her opening remarks, CEO Adele Catzim-Sanchez emphasized the harsh realities of human trafficking while also acknowledging the progress made and the road ahead.

As the Government of Belize continues to strategize and enhance efforts against human trafficking, it is clear that this work must be done in partnership with non-governmental organizations, international organizations, and the private sector.

The Government reaffirmed its commitment to protecting vulnerable individuals and prosecuting traffickers.

For more information about the work of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Council and its partners, stay tuned for the 2024 National Report on Human Trafficking, which is expected to be published in the first quarter of 2025. (release)

Min. Dolores and Manatee Man Galvez

At the Groundbreaking Ceremony on December 12, 2024 for the Marine Rescue and Education Center in Gales Point Manatee a dream come true for Manatee Man Jamal Galvez. This dream was also for so many other dedicated persons from the Conservation and Tourism community !!!

Minister Dolores: "Big up Jamal and All our beautiful Gales Point people for this amazing accomplishment !!! We look forward to positive development for Gales Point Manatee and Conservation that benefits the community !!!"

Thank you Minister Mahler and BTB !!!

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REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS FOR
INVESTMENT PROMOTION (IP) ASSOCIATE - (INDIVIDUAL)
&
SUPPLIER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR -(INDIVIDUAL)

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize (TIFP)
Abstract: This project aims to promote Belize´s foreign direct investment and trade performance.
Loan No.: 5582/OC-BL
Extended Deadline: **January 14h, 2025**; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)

The Government of Belize has received eight million US Dollars (US $8M) in loan financing from the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the implementation of the Project – Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize (TIFP). The Trade and Investment Facilitation Program is a response to the low investment flows and limited international trade competitiveness faced by Belize. The general objective of the program is to promote Belize´s foreign direct investment and trade performance.

The specific objectives are to:
(i) improve investment facilitation through simplification, standardization, and automation of key investment procedures;
(ii) improve the investment promotion tools and MSMEs internationalization through the strengthening of the trade and investment institutional apparatus; and
(iii) improve trade facilitation through simplifying, standardizing, and automating key trade processes.

The program is comprised of three (3) components that will support the achievement of the objectives. The consultancy/assignment is aligned to Component 2 which seeks to increase the positive spillovers of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI hereinafter) in the local economy through the improvement of investment promotion programs and the development of a new suppliers' program to accelerate SMEs internationalization, which will promote the growth of direct and indirect exports of the local firms in Belize.

The Ministry of Finance is now launching the process to fill a contractual position for an "**Investment Promotion Associate"** and a **"Supplier Development Program Coordinator"** under the Project. The general objective of these consultancies is to contract the services of two professionals to support the execution of the Investment Promotion Program and the Supplier Development Program under the Trade and Investment Facilitation Program in Belize (TIFP) - BL-L1040.

The Ministry of Finance invites eligible individuals to apply for the position of Investment Promotion Associate and Supplier Development Program Coordinator. Further details, including the required application template and full Terms of Reference, can be obtained online at https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the Services. Interested individuals must provide information demonstrating that they have met the required qualifications and possess relevant experience to perform the Services.

The selection for this contractual position will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the Inter-American Development Bank: Policies for the Selection and Contracting of Consultants financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2350-15 and is open to all eligible candidates as defined in the policies. The Consultants will be selected based on qualifications.

Qualified individuals should submit one (1) pdf file in English, using the required template, via e-mail to tjoseph.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz and/or two (2) hardcopies of their application to the address below clearly indicating "**Investment Promotion Associate (BL-L1040)" or "Supplier Development Program Coordinator (BL-L1040)"** - name of consultant

The Extended Deadline for submission is no later than **Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, by 10:00 a.m**. **(Local Belize Time)** No late submissions will be accepted. Hard copies of the application should be submitted to the following address:

Trudy Joseph
Procurement Specialist
Central Executing Unit
Ministry of Finance
Sir Edney Cain Building
Tel: 501-822-4106
tjoseph.ceu@cpu.mof.gov.bz

Ref: **Investment Promotion Associate (BL-L1040)** - Your name

Ref: **Supplier Development Program Coordinator (BL-L1040)** - Your name

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
CONSULTING SERVICES

PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT

Selection of an Individual Consultant

Water and Sanitation Program for Rural Areas
BL-L1045 (5753/OC-BL)

BL-L1045-P00011- National Consultancy to prepare approved electrical plan for rehabilitation works

1. The ***Government of Belize*** (the "Borrower") has *received* financing from the ***Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*** (the "Bank") toward the cost of ***Water and Sanitation Program for Rural Areas***. The ***Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF)***, an executing agency of the Borrower, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this loan to perform the consulting services (hereinafter called "Services"): ***National Consultancy to prepare approved electrical plan for rehabilitation works.*** More details on the Services are provided in the Terms of Reference.

2. An individual consultant will be selected under procedures, in accordance with the Policy for the Selection and Contracting of Consulting Services financed by the IDB (GN-2350-15) which can be found at the following website: **www.iadb.org/procurement.**

3. Interested eligible consultants may obtain a complete set of documents and further information at the address given below from Mondays – Friday, ***8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*** **(Local Belize Time)**.

4. Your expression of interest accompanied by your curriculum vitae should be submitted by ***January 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. (Local Belize Time)***, in writing to the address given below. The submission should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked ***"Expression of Interest – National Consultancy to prepare approved electrical plan for rehabilitation works."***

Address for requesting documents and information
Belize Social Investment Fund
Building C, 4253 Hummingbird Highway
Belmopan, Belize
kyla.cho@sifbelize.org
C: **carlos.tun@sifbelize.org**

Address for submitting CV

Attention: Executive Director
Belize Social Investment Fund
Building C, 4253 Hummingbird Highway
Belmopan, Belize
carlos.tun@sifbelize.org
c: **kyla.cho@sifbelize.org**
angeles.itzab@sifbelize.org

Request for Quotation (RFQ)

Belize

Water and Sanitation Program for Rural Areas

BL-L1045 (5753/OC-BL)

Purchase of 1 4X4 pick-up truck for the Program Executing Unit (PEU) of BSIF

The ***Government of Belize*** has received financing (hereinafter called funds) from the ***Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)*** and intends to apply a portion of the funds to make eligible payments under the Contract for which this invitation is being issued.

The ***Belize Social Investment Fund*** hereby invites sealed offers from eligible and qualified Suppliers to submit a quotation for the following items:

Item Number	Item Description	Quantity	Place of Delivery
1	Pickup Truck Double Cab 4x4	1	Belize Social Investment Fund

Suppliers shall present their quotation including all items in the lot.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain a complete set of this Request for Quotations Documents and further information at the address given below from ***Monday to Friday at 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (local Belize time)***.

This Request for Quotation (RFQ) shall be governed by the Policies for the Procurement of Goods and Works Financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-15.

The contract will be awarded to the Quotation determined to be substantially responsive to the Shopping Documents and represents the lowest evaluated cost.

Your Quotation should be sealed in an envelope and addressed to and delivered at the address given below by ***January 3, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. (Local Belize Time)***. Electronic quotation is permitted.

Attention: ***Executive Director***
Belize Social Investment Fund
Building C
4253 Hummingbird Highway
Belmopan
Belize
E-mail: **carlos.tun@sifbelize.org**
C: **kyla.cho@sifbelize.org**
angles.itzab@sifbelize.org

Late quotations will be rejected and returned to sender.

One term to transform:

Universal health coverage through professional community health workers

With a shortage of 43 million health workers and half the global population without adequate access to essential health services, now is the moment for boldness that can reshape health care for generations.1,2 Currently, millions of experienced and trusted community health workers (CHWs) operate outside formal systems with most unsupervised, unequipped, and undertrained; this situation limits their impact and harms their wellbeing.3 CHWs provide door-to-door care, link people to facilities, and offer social support.4 Integrating professional CHWs (proCHWs) into health systems is a transformative strategy for achieving universal healthcare provision, and government ministers can realise such integration within a single term.

Unlike proCHWs, who are salaried, skilled, supervised, and supplied, CHWs are underfunded and undervalued. Historical policies limiting wage growth have left 86% of CHWs in Africa unsalaried, while CHWs worldwide frequently work in undignified and dangerous conditions and face supply shortages more often than staff in health facilities.3,5–7 CHWs are often treated like amateurs, and so their performance suffers and communities pay the price for a collective failure to act on proven solutions.

For decades, proCHWs have shown their ability to save lives, enhance resilience, and support healthy economies. The case for proCHWs is compelling: it is a big idea that is cost-effective and feasible enough to transform health systems worldwide.8 ProCHWs have great impacts, substantially improving health outcomes and equitable access at scale. ProCHWs effectively address reproductive, maternal, neonatal, and child health needs, and infectious and non-communicable diseases.9 They consistently reduce deaths among newborn babies and children younger than 5 years and have achieved reductions in mortality rates in low-income and middle-income countries that are comparable to those in high-income countries.10–12 If CHWs were scaled up in countries with the highest burdens of disease, it is estimated that nearly 47% of deaths among children younger than 5 years could be averted annually. ProCHWs perform best where they are needed most, providing crucial care in hard-to-reach communities with inadequate health facilities where they can help improve access to care.14 ProCHWs ensure continuity of essential health services during pandemics, provide emergency preparedness and response to climate-health challenges, and reduce mortality among children younger than 5 years in conflict-affected areas.

Beyond the health and access benefits, integrating proCHWs into health systems is cost-effective.18–20 CHW-led services reduce costs for patients and health-care systems, drive economic growth through improved health and increased employment, and ultimately generate returns of up to US$10 for every $1 invested.21

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

Construction of Drainage and Irrigation Scheme

Country: Belize
Project: Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Assignment Title: Construction of Drainage and Irrigation Scheme
Reference No.: RRB.W.11

The Government of Belize through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Green Climate Fund ("GCF") towards the cost of Resilient Rural Belize Programme and intends to apply part of the proceeds to the works for which this Request for Bids (RFB) is issued.

The works consist of: Construction of Drainage and Irrigation System at Valley of Peace, Cayo District as follows:

IRRIGATION:

1 Water Supply Infrastructure:
- Transfer Pump: 6" mobile self-priming trash pump with 44–55 HP diesel engine, trailer-mounted, with a capacity of at least 1,000 GPM.
- Sluice Gates: Stainless steel, manually actuated 30" x 30" gates, mounted vertically for water control.
- Containment Dikes: Two earthen dike structures (4 feet high, 20 feet wide), compacted in layers and reinforced with rip-rap for erosion resistance, incorporating a 24" HDPE culvert.

2 Canal Rehabilitation:
- Excavation and reshaping of an existing canal with erosion control, using structural methods like grouted rip-rap or natural methods (planting bamboo) for stabilization.

3 Irrigation Materials for Farmland:
- Supply and installation of SCH. 40 PVC piping (3" and 2" diameter) with adapters, bends, valves, and caps.
- Sprinkler heads suitable for large areas and portable dual-fuel pumps for irrigation across 25 plots.

4 Monitoring and Additional Equipment:
- Hydrologic Gauges: Installed along banks for water level monitoring.
- Soil Moisture Probes: Digital probes with water resistance for soil moisture measurement.
- Solar Well Pump: Submersible pump system, including solar panels, charge controller, and necessary mounting for deep-well water extraction.

DRAINAGE:

1. Earthen Drains:
- Excavation of earthen drains with specified dimensions:
  - o Drain B with 1 ft. depth, 2 ft. height, and 3 ft. top width.
  - o Drain B with 2 ft. depth, 3 ft. height, and 6 ft. top width.
- Sloped at a minimum of 0.25% as per design requirements.
- All debris and unsuitable material to be disposed of within a 3-mile radius.

2. Detention and Retention Ponds:
- Detention Pond #1 (Rehabilitation): Cleaning and rehabilitation of the existing pond to integrate it into the drainage system, including vegetation and mud removal. Construction of outlets to the lagoon.
- Detention Pond #2 (New): Excavation of a new pond measuring 50 ft. x 75 ft. x 5 ft., with an outlet to the lagoon.
- Retention Pond: Excavation of a retention pond measuring 80 ft. x 275 ft. x 5 ft., including outlet construction to the lagoon.

3. Outlet Channels:
- Excavation of channels connecting pond outlets to the lagoon system, with appropriate slopes and bank stability.
- Reed-bed channels lined with geotextile fabric for erosion control, filled with clean, non-reactive rocks (4 to 6 inches in diameter) for stability.
- Planting of robust aquatic vegetation, such as Bullrush, to promote phytoremediation and stabilize the channels according to wetland best practices.

4. Roadside Drainage:
- Excavation and clearing of roadside drain along the main road to improve stormwater flow, with debris disposal within a 3-mile radius.

Qualification of the Bidder: to qualify for award of the contract, a Bidder shall meet the following minimum qualifying criteria:
a) General Experience as a Contractor: At least 5 years' experience in industrial/earthworks/Drainage/Irrigation-related construction locally;
b) Specific Experience as a contractor: At least one works' contract of similar nature, size and complexity equivalent to the works included in this Invitation completed within the last five years (to comply with this requirement, works cited should be at least 80% complete).
c) The contractor must prove access to the following equipment, with stated production capacity and minimum age of equipment:

Item No.	Name of equipment and production capacity	Capacity	No of equipment	Age (max)
1	Excavator (long reach: 50 – 60 ft.)	36" - 48" bucket	1	10
2	Excavator (Standard reach)	24" - 36" bucket (winged)	2	10
3	Backhoe	0.5 - 1 cubic yard bucket	1	10
4	Dump trucks	15-ton	3	20

d) The required key contractor personnel profile and years of experience are listed in the table below; The contractor must provide the following key staff and attach their respective CVs:

	Title	Years of General Construction Experience	Minimum Specific experience
1	Project Manager	10 (including earthworks)	Having completed at least one similar assignment in the past 10 years.
2	Site Foreman	5	Having completed at least one similar assignment in the past 5 years

e) Evidence of access to financial resources to successfully complete the works i.e.access to cash, letter from a bank, credit institutions, or other financial intermediary, supporting the availability of liquid financial resources in the amount of BZD167,000.00.
f) Average annual turnover over the past 3 years (2023, 2022, 2021), supported by financial statements, equivalent to: BZD1,200,000.00.

Completion Date: the works shall be completed as per the following completion schedule: Six (6) months.

The bidder must state exact completion time in its bid supported by its proposed construction schedule for the works.

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment/Resilient Rural Belize Programme now invites construction firms to submit bids for the construction of works as outlined in the Request for Bids (RFB) documentation. Contractor/s will be selected using the national competitive bidding (NCB) method in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook accessible at **www.ifad.org/project-procurement**. The NCB process will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

Bidders interested in submitting a bid, shall request the full bidding document by sending an e-mail, giving full contact details of the bidder, to the following point of contact. This will ensure that the bidders receive the full bidding document (RFB) as well as updates regarding this procurement procedure.

Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Attn: Lemuel Palacio, Senior Procurement Officer
Hummingbird Highway
National Agriculture Showgrounds,
City of Belmopan, Belize
E-mail: lpalacio.rrb@med.gov.bz
Copied to: Nadia Vernon, nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz

Please note that bids can be submitted either physically or electronically. In submitting a physical bid, the bidder must submit one (1) original and 2 copies, sealed in two separate inner envelopes, enclosed in one outer envelope, sealed and marked as per ITB 21.1 & 21.2, and addressed to the address stated above. In addition, one copy of the bid shall be an electronic copy saved on a flashdrive also included in the sealed outer envelope. Electronic Bids shall be submitted by email, as a password protected, single attachment, in pdf format, by the deadline and to the email address stated above. Full details are provided in the complete RFB document.

The deadline for submission of bids shall be no later than **January 30, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** local time at the address above.

The pre-bid meeting shall be held at the following address: Resilient Rural Belize Programme Office, Hummingbird Highway, National Agriculture Show Grounds, City of Belmopan, Cayo District, Belize, C.A. A site visit to the location (Valley of Peace Farmers' Cooperative Society Ltd.) will be held afterwards. The date and time of the pre-bid meeting is January 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. local time.

Universal health coverage through professional community health workers

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The affordability of proCHWs increases as countries move closer to meeting the Abuja Declaration target for health spending.22,23 Bilateral and multilateral partners can substantially enhance government efforts by aligning financial commitments with national proCHW policies and committing to transparency and coordination for greater impact.

Importantly, integrating CHWs into existing health systems is also straightforward. The proCHW Policy Dashboard, the largest open-access public resource on national CHW policies, shows that over 40 countries across every WHO region have established a salaried and accredited proCHW workforce.24 Heads of state and health ministers from the remaining 60 dashboard countries can confidently join them, using proven global frameworks from WHO and partners for design, implementation, and cost planning.25–27 Successful case studies show that such reforms are feasible and achievable within a single ministerial term: for example, former Minister of Health Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus in Ethiopia during the 2000s; former Minister of Health Bernice Dahn, building on the legacy of Minister Walter Gwenigale, in Liberia during the 2010s; and Minister of Health Kevin Bernard in Belize and Minister of Health Dr. Robert Lucien Jean Claude Kargougou in Burkina Faso in 2024.28,29 Although all policy reform faces challenges (eg. nomenclature, interprofessional conflicts and remuneration), integration is achievable. Key recommendations from a cross-country synthesis of successful case studies emphasised the need to cultivate political will through government-led coalitions, harness data for innovation and adaptation, secure community support, and invest in programme foundations (eg, salaries, skills, supervision, and supplies), not just the services CHWs deliver.28 This process is no more complicated than what governments already manage; the distribution of countries with proCHW national policy aligns more with political will than with gross domestic product per capita.24

Now is the time to seize this opportunity; proCHWs are key to the UHC2030 commitment and beyond.30 In the face of economic downturns, political instability, climate change, armed conflict, and pandemic risks, investing in proCHWs is a strategic decision. The polycrisis demands action, not retreat, and although immediate challenges might seem daunting, the evidence is clear: proCHWs deliver high-impact, cost-effective results, even in the toughest times.

Government ministers can start now by committing to a clear policy shift towards proCHWs, building on the community health delivery already in place. In addition to connecting with the more than 40 ministers who have gone before, step-by-step guidance on this process is available, featuring country case studies (eg, Liberia and Ethiopia) and insights on designing and optimising CHW programmes; engaging key multisectoral stakeholders, including CHW associations; setting up dedicated budget lines for CHW remuneration, training, and support; and addressing common implementation challenges at scale.31,32

With the right political leadership, proCHWs can be implemented nationally in years rather than decades. Ministers can both commit and execute by establishing a sustainable, national proCHW model that will bolster universal health coverage and strengthen health systems for generations to come. One term to transform is both urgent and possible—the time to act is now.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Construction of Packing and Storage Facilities in 4 Lots

Country: Belize
Project: Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Assignment Title: Construction of Packing and Storage Facilities in 4 Lots
Reference No.: RRB.W.13

The Government of Belize through the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Green Climate Fund ("GCF") towards the cost of Resilient Rural Belize Programme and intends to apply part of the proceeds to the works for which this Request for Bids (RFB) is issued.

The works, and the contract/s expected to be awarded, are divided into the following lots:

Lot	Group	Location	Facility	Qty	Dimensions	Design	Annex
1	Northern Sustainable Agro-Producers	Xaibe and Patchakan Villages, Corozal District	Sorting Shed	1	16' x 20'	#4	IXa
			Solar Tunnel Dryer	1	16' x 20'	#5	IXb
	Concepcion Vegetable Farmers	Concepcion Village, Corozal District	Packing and Storage Unit (with Cold Storage)	1	25' x 42'	#6	IXc
2	Orange Walk Bee Keepers Coop Society Ltd.	PetVille, Orange Walk District	Packing and Storage Unit	1	25' x 42'	#3	IXd
	New River Coop Society Ltd.	San Carlos Village, Orange Walk District	Packing and Storage Unit (with Cold Storage)	1	25' x 42'	#7	IXe
3	Los Buenos Amigos Coop Society Ltd.	Trio Village, Stann Creek District	Packing and Storage Unit	1	10' x 25'	#1	IXf
4	Valley of Peace Farmers Coop Society Ltd	Valley of Peace Village, Cayo District	Packing and Storage Unit	1	25' x 32'	#2	IXg
	Maya Green Growers Coop Society Ltd.	San Antonio Village, Cayo District	Packing and Storage Unit	1	25' x 32'	#2	IXg
	Seven Miles Farmers Association	Seven Miles Village, Cayo District	Packing and Storage Unit	1	10' x 25'	#1	IXf
	Cooperativo el Progresso en Desarollo	Seven Miles Village, Cayo District	Packing and Storage Unit	1	10' x 25'	#1	IXf

Qualification of the Bidder: A Bidder shall meet the following minimum qualifying criteria:

a) General Experience as a Contractor: At least 5 years' experience in industrial/commercial buildings construction locally;
b) Specific Experience as a contractor: At least one works' contract of similar nature, size and complexity equivalent to the works included in this Invitation, per lot (at least one contract per lot offered), completed within the last five years (to comply with this requirement, works cited should be at least 80% complete).
c) The contractor must prove access to the following equipment (individual equipment per lot offered, multiples if offering more than one lot), with stated production capacity and year of manufacture:

Item No.	Name of equipment and production capacity	Capacity	No of equipment	Year of manufacture
1	Suitable scaffolding for working	at heights above 5 feet	1	N.A
2	Generator (suitable to run power tools)	with minimum capacity of 1000 watts	1	N.A
3	Cement mixer	with minimum capacity of ½ cubic yard	1	N.A
4	Dump truck	with minimum capacity of 5 tons	1	N.A

d) The contractor must provide the following key staff and attach their respective CVs:

	Title	Minimum years of General Construction experience	Minimum Specific experience
1	Project Manager/Superintendent	5	having completed at least one similar assignment over the last 5 years
2	Site Foreman	5	having completed at least one similar assignment over the last 5 years

e) Evidence of access to financial resources to successfully complete the works i.e. access to cash, letter from a bank, credit institutions, or other financial intermediary, supporting the availability of liquid financial resources in the amount of:

- Lot 1: BZD68,000.00
- Lot 2: BZD72,000.00
- Lot 3: BZD17,000.00
- Lot 4: BZD94,000.00

Access to financial resources specified above per lot offered, with combined sums for multiple lots.

f) For each lot, average annual turnover over the past 3 years (2023, 2022, 2021), supported by financial statements, equivalent to:

- Lot 1: BZD245,000.00
- Lot 2: BZD260,000.00
- Lot 3: BZD60,000.00
- Lot 4: BZD340,000.00

Completion Date: the works shall be completed as per the following completion schedule from the date of signature of the contract (schedules for lots are independent and cannot be accumulated for multiple lots):

Lot 1: 3 months (12 weeks)
Lot 2: 3 months (12 weeks)
Lot 3: 3 months (12 weeks)
Lot 4: 3 months (12 weeks)

The bidder must state the exact completion time in its bid supported by its proposed construction schedule for each lot.

The Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment/Resilient Rural Belize Programme now invites construction firms to submit bids for the construction of works as outlined in the Request for Bids (RFB) documentation. Contractor/s will be selected using the national competitive bidding (NCB) method in accordance with the IFAD Procurement Handbook accessible at www.ifad.org/project-procurement. The NCB process will include a review and verification of qualifications and past performance, including a reference check, prior to the contract award.

Bidders interested in submitting a bid shall request the full bidding document by sending an e-mail, giving full contact details of the bidder, to the following point of contact. This will ensure that the bidders receive the full bidding document (RFB) as well as updates regarding this procurement procedure.

Resilient Rural Belize Programme
Attn: Lemuel Palacio, Senior Procurement Officer
Hummingbird Highway
National Agriculture Showgrounds,
City of Belmopan, Belize
E-mail: l**palacio.rrb@med.gov.bz**
Copied to: Nadia Vernon, **nvernon.rrb@med.gov.bz**

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The deadline for submission of bids shall be no later than **January 16, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** local time at the address above.

The pre-bid meeting shall be held at the following address: Resilient Rural Belize Programme Office, Hummingbird Highway, National Agriculture Show Grounds, City of Belmopan, Cayo District, Belize, C.A. A site visit to one of the locations (Valley of Peace Farmers' Cooperative Society Ltd.) will be held afterwards. The date and time of the pre-bid meeting is January 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. local time.

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TREASURY/ BELIZE TAX SERVICS BUILDING IN PUNTA GORDA TOWN, TOLEDO DISTRICT

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH), intends to construct office facilities for the Punta Gorda Town Sub-Treasury and the Belize Tax Services, hereafter referred to as "the Project,".

Provided there are no delays, the Project is expected to commence in February 2025. The MIDH hereby invites interested contractors to be a part of this bidding process. The Project is being implemented by the MIDH, Project Execution Unit (PEU). A Project Engineer within the PEU will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities.

The Project intends to construct a three (3) story structure, which possesses a floor area of approximately 8,200 square feet. The structure shall be constructed of a reinforced concrete frame with masonry walls, reinforced concrete floor structures, and a reinforced concrete roof structure. The structure shall accommodate the following amenities on the ground floor and first floor:

- Open concept and enclosed office spaces
- Customer service areas
- Conference room facilities
- Elevator access
- Restroom facilities for staff

The structure shall accommodate a roof terrace area on the second floor, which shall possess the following amenities:

Minimum Qualification Criteria:
- Open concept lobby area
- Dining area
- Elevator access
- Restroom facilities

Consideration will be given to local contractors that possess qualified experience in building construction projects of a similar size and complexity.

Minimum Qualification Criteria:
- Provision of audited or unaudited financial statements for the years ending 2021, 2022, and 2023.
- General Construction Experience: Five (5) years.
- Specific Construction Experience: Complete, between January 1, 2014, and the bid submission deadline, less than or equal to four (4) contracts, each with a minimum value of Bz$250,000.00, but with a total value of all contracts equal to or more than Bz$1,000,000.00. The similarity of the contracts shall be based on new construction works for a structure that possesses greater than or equal to 5,000 square feet.
- Access to Line of Credit: Bz$300,000.00 of which not more than Bz$150,000.00 can be credit for materials.
- Average annual construction turnover for the years ending 2021, 2022, and 2023 of a minimum of Bz$600,000.00 per year.
- Project Manager who is an Association of Professional Engineers of Belize (APEB) registered Engineer with 5 years of construction management experience as a registered Engineer.

Effective **Monday, December 23, 2024**, Bidding Documents are available at a cost of **Bz$500.00** from the address below.

Bidders shall submit proposals (one original and two hard copies) in a sealed envelope to the address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission must include the name and address of the applicant and be clearly marked **"Bid Submission for the Construction of a New Treasury/ Belize Tax Services Building in Punta Gorda Town, Toledo District"**.

All Bidding Documents shall reach the office of the Chief Engineer at the address below no later than **Monday, January 13, 2025**, at **10:00 a.m.** The Ministry shall not be bound to assign any reason for not post-qualifying any contractor and shall not accept responsibility for any cost incurred by the applicants.

A pre-bid meeting shall be conducted on **Tuesday, January 7, 2025**, at **10:00a.m.** at the MIDH-PEU conference room, Belmopan, Cayo District.

Attention: **Mr. Evondale Moody**
Chief Engineer / Engineering Coordinator
Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing
Power Lane
Belmopan
BELIZE C.A.

Tel: +501-828-5220
Email: peu@midh.gov.bz

NATIONAL BANK OF BELIZE LIMITED AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

HLB BELIZE AUDIT TAX ADVISORY

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Shareholder of:
National Bank of Belize Limited

Opinion
We have audited the financial statements of National Bank of Belize Limited, which comprise the statement of financial position as at August 31, 2024, and the statement of comprehensive loss, statement of changes in equity, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of National Bank of Belize Limited as at August 31, 2024, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Basis for Opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of National Bank of Belize Limited in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Matter
The financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2023 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unqualified opinion on December 18, 2023.

Emphasis of Matter
The financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Bank will continue as a going concern as described in Note 2e. Our opinion is not qualified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Bank's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Bank or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Bank's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error; to design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks; and to obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identified during the audit.

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NATIONAL BANK OF BELIZE LIMITED

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023 (IN BELIZE DOLLARS)

	Notes	2024	2023
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted	2g. 2h. 5.	$ 68,827,889	$ 14,754,059
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	2g. 2h. 6.	13,729,445	7,535,831
Loans to customers	2g. 7.	86,448,366	80,442,043
Securities	2g. 8.	12,000,000	1,999,800
Other assets	2g. 3. 9.	974,853	943,578
Property and equipment	2i. 10.	651,636	977,122
Total assets		182,632,189	106,652,433
LIABILITIES			
Customer accounts	2g. 11.	167,099,130	88,404,266
Other liabilities	2g. 2k. 12.	1,706,494	1,964,504
Total liabilities		168,805,624	90,368,770
NET ASSETS		$ 13,826,565	$ 16,283,663
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Share capital	13.	$ 40,025,000	$ 40,025,000
Foreign currency translation reserve	2d.	695,267	163,227
Loan loss reserve	3a. 7.	2,015,100	1,486,819
Accumulated deficit		(28,908,802)	(25,391,383)
Shareholders' equity		$ 13,826,565	$ 16,283,663

The financial statements on pages 4 to 7 were approved and authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on December 17, 2024 and are signed on its behalf by:

Director

Director

NATIONAL BANK OF BELIZE LIMITED

STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023 (IN BELIZE DOLLARS)

	Notes	2024	2023
Net interest income	2l. 14.	$ 3,746,454	$ 3,636,633
Fee income	2l. 15.	1,257,993	974,136
Revenue		5,004,447	4,610,769
Net remeasurement of expected credit losses - loans to customers	2g. 7.	(2,086,533)	(288,356)
Net remeasurement of expected credit losses - other assets	2g. 9.	8,206	15,361
Net remeasurement of expected credit losses - credit-related commitments	2g.	223	(2,012)
Depreciation	2i. 10.	(311,159)	(336,119)
Personnel expenses	2l. 18.	(3,116,538)	(3,148,579)
General and administrative expenses	2l. 17.	(2,181,511)	(2,332,647)
Other income	2l. 16.	447,905	446,945
Net loss before business tax		(2,234,960)	(1,034,638)
Business tax	19.	(754,178)	(695,035)
Net loss for the year		(2,989,138)	(1,729,673)
Foreign currency translation		532,040	151,103
Total comprehensive loss		$ (2,457,098)	$ (1,578,570)

The above financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

NBB National Bank of Belize

LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **Quan Pan Chan** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Twin's Supermarket"** located at # 564 St. Thomas Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Errol G. Garbutt** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"Buccaneer's Tavern Night Club"** located on Old Airport Rd., Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Mark Paulino/ Devon Nembhard/Aubrey Franklin** are applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"Dreamers Lounge"** located at Miles 13 P.G.HWY., Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Eileen Ghau** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Belizean Chinese Restaurant"** located at # 160 North Front Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jemz Elite Company Ltd.** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Caribbean Pier"** located at # 8 Fort Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jemz Elite Company Ltd.** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"D'Bourbon Barrel"** located at # 8 Fort Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jemz Elite Company Ltd.** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Lizard Juice Bar"** located at # 8 Fort Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Social Lounge Ltd.** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"Social Lounge"** located on Philip Goldson Highway, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Christopher Zheng** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"New Chon Sing Restaurant"** located at # 184 North Front Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Vince Young** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Bird's Isle Restaurant"** located at # 90 Albert Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kenroy Usher** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Rito Store"** located at 4 ½ Miles P.G. HWY., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kerrigay L. Henry & John Martin Henry** are applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Mobay Restaurant & Lounge"** located at # 1659 Vista Del Mar, Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ginevva J. Jospeh** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"SDR Groceris"** located at # 392 Balan Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Oscar R. Trujeque** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Double Sip"** located at # 383 Kelly Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Anthony L. Fuller** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"Stars Night Club"** located at # 989 Barrack Road, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Eleanor Good** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Eliray"** located at # 387 Poinsetta Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Yogobean Ltd.** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Yogobean Ltd."** located at # 813 Bella Vista, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Eric Chee** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Wezn Holdings Co. Ltd."** located at # 1 ½ Mile P.G. HWY., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xinye Zhang** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Good Fortune Shop"** located at # 1144 Blue Marlin Blvd., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Zhengrong Kuang** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Jan Kang Shop & Fast Food"** located at # 38 Iguana Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xinyuan Zhang** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Sky Blue Shop"** located at # 34 King Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Binbing Chen** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Miracle Bar"** located at # 15 West Collet Canal, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xin Mei Zhang** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Xing Wang Shop"** located at # 25 Vernon Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Hui Zhen Liang** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Happy Corner Shop"** located at # 15 Orange Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kishore Bhojwani** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Rakhi's Salon Studio"** located at # 3645 P.G. HWY., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kevin Ghau** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Golden Dragon Fast Food"** located at # 1 New Road, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Golden Friendship Company Ltd.** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Golden Friendship Company Ltd."** located at # 6196 Buttonwood Bay, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Samantha Munoz** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Krazzy Kups"** located at # 3645 P.G. HWY., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Luis Cuello** is applying for a **Publican General Liquor License** to be operated at **"L&R Liquors Ltd."** located at # 993 Mayflower Garden, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Midtown Express & Pizza Limited** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Midtown Express & Pizza Limited"** located at # 1183 P.G.HWY., Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Princess Int'l Bze Ltd.** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Princess Int'l Bze Ltd. (Vogue Bar)** located at # 129 Newtown Barrack, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Carla J. Burkey** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Booze & Branches"** located on La Loma Luz Blvd, S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Marcia Sanchez Low** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Marcia's Store"** located in Georgeville Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Richard Flowers/Lesli Ayala** are applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"BM Depot Inc."** located in Santa Familia Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Lesli Ayala** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Murayma's"** located in Santa Familia Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Eddie Samayoa/Colyn Antunez** are applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Logan's Bar & Grill"** located in Duck Run 1 Village, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belarmino Quiroz i**s applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Garden"** located on Military Street, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Fernando Riverolll** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"D'Stock Burger"** located at # 2 Savannah St. S.I. Town, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Daphne Lagoon Lodge Limited** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated a "**Daphne Lagoon Lodge Limited"** located in Northern Lagoon, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Adin Aragon** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated a "**Triple A Distillery"** located at # 18 Aurora St., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Adin Aragon** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated a "**Gas Plus Store"** located at # 8 Aurora St., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Adin Aragon** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated a "**Aroma Cafe"** located at # 8 Aurora St., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Adin Aragon** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated a "**Hi 5 Night Club"** located at # 8 Aurora St., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Luisa Ramirez** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated a "**Tita's Mini Grocery"** located on Guinea Grass St., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Tiffany Tzul** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated a "**Cocina Al Carbon By Chef Tif"** located in San Jose Nuevo Palmar, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Shakil Ahmed** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated a "**SYL BD Store"** located at # 12 Guadalupe St., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Mario Moza** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated a "**The Diner House"** located on Otro Benque Rd., Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Tiburcio C. Rodriguez** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated a "**S & R Cool Spot & Fast Food"** located at # 19 Ordonez Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Muhammed R. Ahmed** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated a "**Rubel's Grocery Store"** located at # 85 West Canal, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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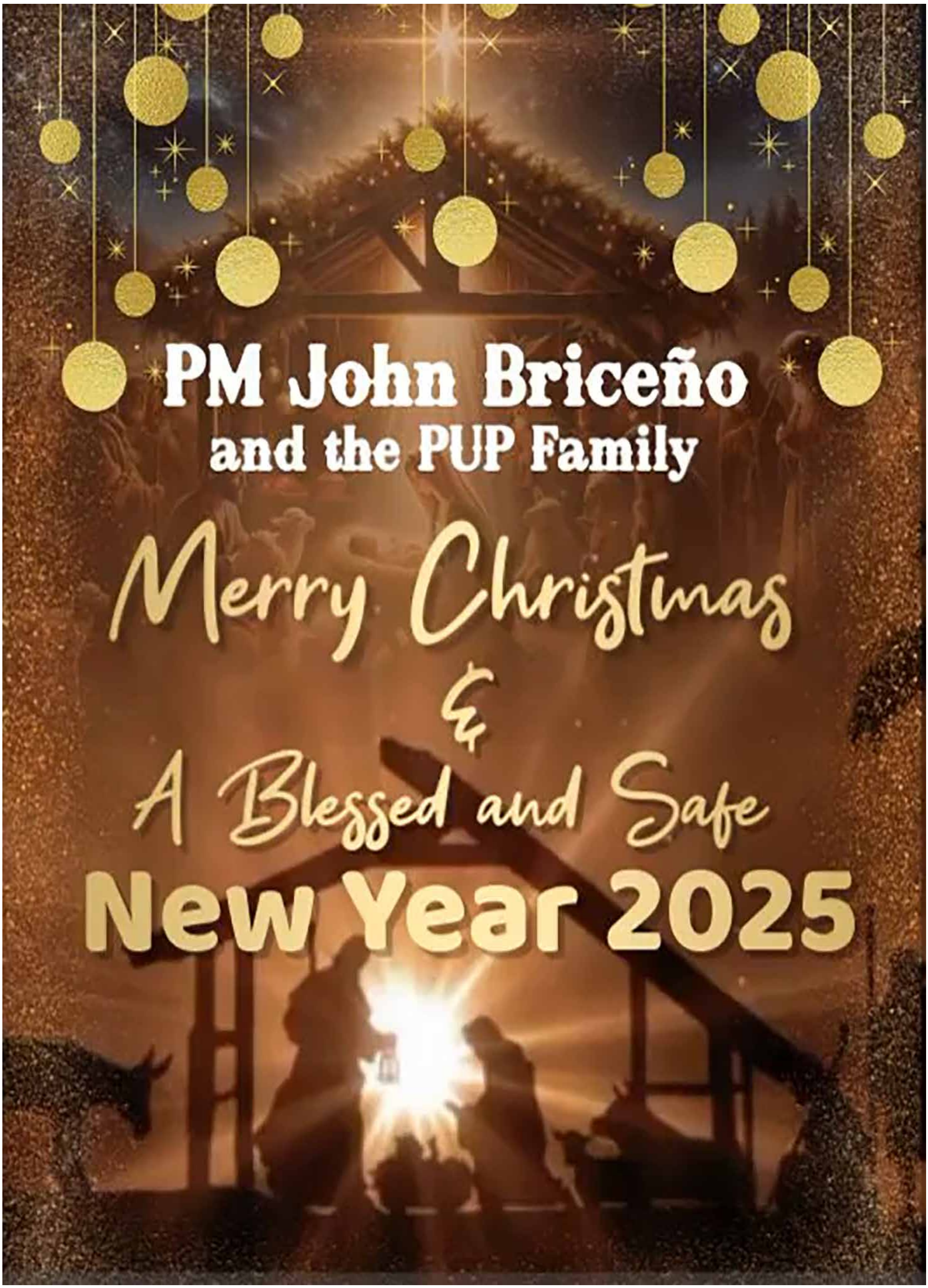

PM John Briceño
and the PUP Family
Merry Christmas
&
A Blessed and Safe
New Year 2025

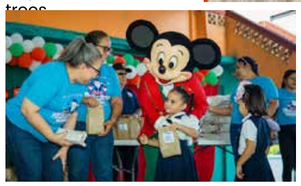
Christmas Magic Lit Up Pt. 3

PM John Briceño and OW Town Council at their best: Among his constituents. Prime Minister's beloved OW Central is broad from San Estevan to the San Lorenzo Housing Site and most of Orange Walk Town Proper. PM: "We come bearing gifts It's the season of sharing and caring. It's the Christmas season…Games, gifts, and goodie bags… did I say gifts."

The Christmas Events there are massive and are an explosion of the joy of Christmas. This is a clear example of how Belizeans celebrate the days leading up to Christmas. The PM and Town Council work closely and is an example to follow by all our towns.

The 25th is a day for family.

Thea Garcia Ramirez – Corozal Bay's Thea went to the heart of Christmas Joy and found it directly with the children in the schools who welcomed the addition to their Christmas Parties and Pajama Casual Days. The joy that lights up in the eyes of the Children beats any and all Christmas trees.



Hon. Rodwell Ferguson – Hon Rodwell has the same challenge as his colleagues with almost five dozen children and innumerable hearts. But he was up to it and successfully.

Hon. Henry Charles Usher and the Fort George Executive Committee hosted its highly anticipated Annual Children's Christmas Party! The joy, laughter, and excitement were in full swing on December 15th with the Hon. Usher on hand, sharing smiles, laughs, and heartfelt conversations with our wonderful community – from the youngest little ones to the young at heart. It was a festive day filled with holiday magic and unforgettable memories. Santa Claus made a grand entrance, surprising everyone as he arrived from the roof! It was a day where community spirit shone bright, and smiles were endless.

Hon. Oscar Mira – With a massive tree lighting up the Belmopan spirits, the Hon. Oscar Mira gave of himself and received joy from his constituents.

Hon. Jose Mai – After the count of nine, he will have delivered joy to all his villages. The priceless joy in the eyes of children could be seen in his and all events.

Hon. Louis Zabaneh and Mayor Mariano – The BDF hosted the all-important volunteer Battalion.

Belize City Council – After a massive Tree Lighting, that like all other municipalities are there gorgeously joyful to visit in all these days leading up to the first days of 2025. The members of the Belize City Youth Shadow Council and the Child Advisory Body of Belize City made a special stop at the New Beginnings Youth Development Center to spread Christmas Cheer—now an annual Tradition.

Hon. Florencio Marin, Hon Oscar Mira w/ Hon. Requena and Hon. Martinez – The leadership of the First Infantry Battalion extended their warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all members and their families, expressing deep appreciation for their service and commitment.

Hon. Dolores Balderamos Garcia – Over 1,500 school children of Belize Rural Central's Primary & Pre Schools have received a Christmas gift courtesy of Ms D and her Committee !!! The most precious moments are the smiles on all the young faces from Gales Point, to La Democracia, to Hattieville and to Ladyville !!!

San Pedro Town – The boat parades are incomparably beautiful. They took the Christmas joy to another level.

Punta Gorda Town – Christmas Tree is lit and Punta Gorda in celebrating.

Hon. Ramon Cervantes – This is just a small piece to show how much Christmas joy Monchi has to bring out to his villages. There is a lots of love given and more received.

Corozal Town – The Bay is always ready for Christmas. Lookout for their grand Christmas parade this 2nd free GST weekend.

San Ignacio/ Santa Elena – The twin towns are celebrating. Ministers Landy, Micho and Alex have their own trees as well. So the town is blessed.

OWT Councillor at Leadership Workshop in India

"As the 21st century leadership workshop comes to an end in India, I cannot help but feel overwhelming joy and gratitude for being chosen to represent Belize. Throughout this workshop, I have gained invaluable knowledge and skills that will undoubtedly benefit not only myself, but also my country.

The opportunity to network with and learn from other aspiring leaders from around the world has been truly inspiring and eye-opening. I am filled with a sense of pride for being able to represent my beautiful country and showcase the potential and capabilities of its people.

I am confident that in returning home with a newfound determination and drive to make a positive impact in my community and beyond.

I am fill with excitement, and gratitude determined to use this experience to make a difference." – Councillor Doreth Pascascio

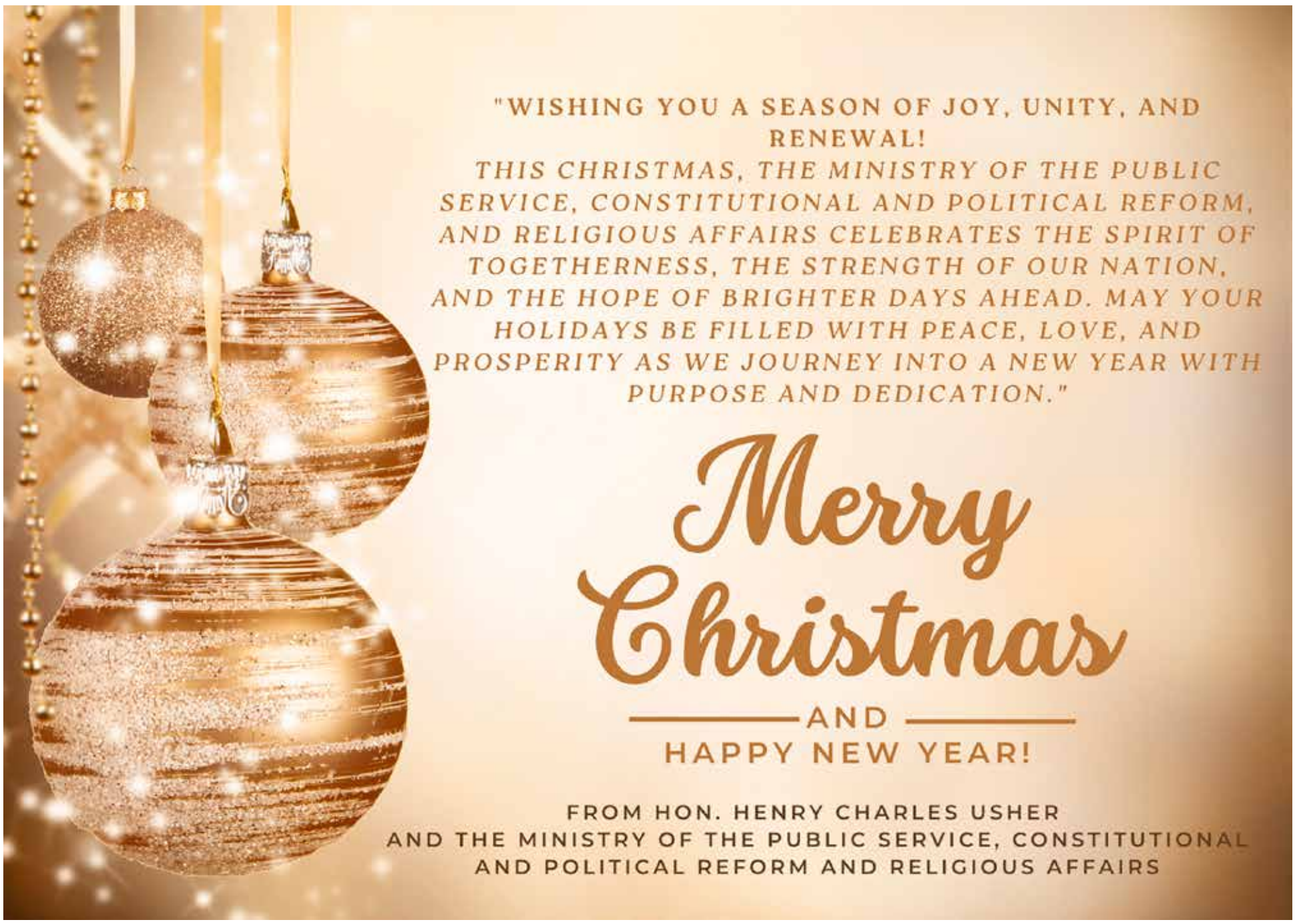
Swearing in of PUP Cayo West Executive Committee

National Agriculture and Trade Show 2025

Belmopan City, November 26, 2024:

The National Agriculture and Trade Show (NATS) Committee under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise hereby informs the general public that the National Agriculture and Trade Show 2025 will be held on May 30 and 31, and June 1, 2025, under the theme "Integrating Sustainable Food Systems: Mitigating Climate Change, Strengthening Agricultural Resilience".

Preparations of the grounds are currently under way and the committee will advise the public about the availability of reservations and sale of concession stands, food stalls, and commercial booths in the near future. (release)


"WISHING YOU A SEASON OF JOY, UNITY, AND RENEWAL!
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Merry Christmas
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
FROM HON. HENRY CHARLES USHER
AND THE MINISTRY OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE, CONSTITUTIONAL AND POLITICAL REFORM AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS